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MRS. M'KINLEY IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

May Not Be Able to Make the Return Trip to Washington.

THE TOUR ABANDONED

President Obligated to Postpone His Western Trip—Mrs. McKinley's Condition Has Been Known to the President and Party for Several Days Past, but Has Not Been Made Public—The Train Will Start for the East as Soon as She Is Able to Travel.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, May 15.—(By wire.)—The very serious character of Mrs. McKinley's illness, the president this morning definitely decided to abandon his contemplated western tour and to return to Washington as soon as Mrs. McKinley should be able to stand the strain of the journey. The gravity of Mrs. McKinley's condition has been known to the members of the president's immediate party for several days, but has been concealed in the belief that she would rally, as she had so frequently done in the past when suffering from one of her periods of depression, and, with a few days of absolute rest, be restored to normal condition. But her present illness has been attended with entirely new complications, which have not yielded to treatment, and the president concluded this morning that it was time the public should be apprised of the true situation. He is also anxious that the residents of the cities and towns along the planned route of his return trip should receive prompt notification of the circumstances which compel his decision. The bulletin which Secretary Cortelyou gave to the Associated Press this morning announcing the abandonment of the trip, coupled with another announcement that Mrs. McKinley's condition last night was better in some respects, but worse in others, revealed the way for the bulletin issued later that Dr. Henry Gibbons, a celebrated physician of San Francisco, had been called in consultation with Dr. Hirschfelder and Dr. Rixey. Dr. Gibbons has a reputation here for his skill in the treatment of bowel disorders. It was the president's wish that another physician be called in consultation, not because he did not have perfect confidence in Dr. Hirschfelder and Dr. Rixey, but because he desired that nothing science could do should be left undone. He was especially anxious that the diagnosis of the attending physicians should agree. Ever since Mrs. McKinley arrived at the Scott residence she has been desperately ill. Her extreme weakness has been the most alarming feature of her condition. Her vitality has been at low ebb and she has spoken seldom to those about her. The president has been continually at her bedside since their arrival here Sunday night, save the few hours Monday afternoon when he left her to rest. Last night he spent three hours by her bedside and the president's condition was such that he yielded to the entreaties of those about him and went out for a drive, he has remained steadfastly at her side. The members of the president's party consented to carry out today's programme at the University of California and at Oakland, but they put no heart into the festivities while their chief was gravely ill. The visit to San Francisco, arranged for tomorrow, has been entirely abandoned, but if Mrs. McKinley's condition should warrant the president will attend the reception given by the various veteran organizations in the afternoon.

Strain Upon the President.

The strain which the president himself has undergone during the past few days has been very great. It has been a personal sacrifice on his part to carry out his engagements, but he has made it unselfishly and nobly. It is still his duty to carry out the pre-arranged programme in San Francisco to whatever extent he can. This morning he thought he would be able to be present at the unveiling of the Donahue statue and so informed the committee, but at the last moment, when his escort had already drawn up before the Scott residence, Mrs. McKinley's condition was such that he decided not to leave. All day, except for a brief half-hour this morning, when he yielded to the entreaties of those about him and went out for a drive, he has remained steadfastly at her side. The members of the president's party consented to carry out today's programme at the University of California and at Oakland, but they put no heart into the festivities while their chief was gravely ill. The visit to San Francisco, arranged for tomorrow, has been entirely abandoned, but if Mrs. McKinley's condition should warrant the president will attend the reception given by the various veteran organizations in the afternoon.

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Encouraging Reports Made at the Convention at Lebanon.

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The Allentown commandery, in charge of Captain D. H. Mullen, won the first prize, \$100 in gold, for being the best drilled commandery in the drill contest. The other prizes were all awarded at the ball last night, as follows: To Harmony commandery, Captain F. C. Hoffman, Harrisburg, \$50 in gold, the second best drilled commandery; to the commandery of the distance with not less than twenty-two men in line, and \$50 to Harmony commandery, Harrisburg, for the commandery having the largest number of men in line. Lutz castle, of Lutz, Pa., was awarded \$75 in gold for the largest number of men in parade.

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ROSENFELT'S PARDON.

Recommended by the Philadelphia Bench—Cases Heard Today.

Harrisburg, May 15.—The board of pardons recommended a pardon from the bench today for David Rosenfelt, of Philadelphia, who is serving three months in Moyamensing jail for perjury. This action was taken at the request of Judge Stevenson, District Attorney Rothermel and the police authorities, from whom letters were presented by Rosenfelt's attorneys to the effect that he had been unjustly convicted.

Rosenfelt was prosecuted by members of the Lithuanian club, who were convicted and fined for keeping a disorderly place. March on information furnished by him to the police. This is probably the first time in the history of the board that a pardon has been recommended from the bench.

A hearing was granted in the case of Martin Frye, of Carlisle, under sentence of death for murder.

An executive session of the board will be held tomorrow to consider several other cases.

THE PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Conference on Foreign Missions Held Today in the Auditorium of the Witherspoon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, May 15.—In accordance with the recommendation of the Presbyterian general assembly, a conference on foreign missions was held today in the auditorium of the Witherspoon building, under the direction of the board of foreign missions, with the chairman of the synodical and presbyterial committees and representatives of the Women's Mission boards. The morning session was devoted to the reading of reports and discussion of topics of interest to mission workers.

The conference was conducted by Rev. Thomas Marshall, of Chicago, field secretary of the foreign mission board.

After devotional exercises, Rev. Charles A. Dickey, moderator of the general assembly, delivered a brief address, which was followed by verbal reports from chairman of foreign missions committees of synods and presbyteries and other representatives. Rev. Dr. Henry C. Evans, of the Presbytery of St. Louis, reported that 81 per cent of the churches in his presbytery contributed \$7,012 during the last fiscal year to the foreign mission fund, the amount being an increase of about twenty per cent over the previous year.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Butler, chairman of the synod committee of New Jersey reported that his synod contributed a larger per capita amount to foreign missions than any other synod, and that the past year had exceeded the New York synod, the next largest contributor, by seventeen cents per member. The Orange and Morris synods, he said, exceeded New York by five cents per capita.

Rev. A. Ketchum, D. D., of the Presbytery of Williamsport, Oregon; Rev. C. B. McAfee, D. D., chairman of the synod committee of Missouri, and Rev. C. K. Powell, chairman of the synod committee of Colorado, spoke of the past year's work. Dr. McAfee, chairman of the synodical and presbyterial committees of New York, delivered an interesting address on the "Student Volunteer." He told of the movement's inception in 1885, and how it had grown from 100 students to 7,000 now working in the missionary field. A question and answer session followed.

During the session Dr. A. P. Harnburn, the pioneer missionary to Japan, was introduced to the conference.

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CLOSING DATE NOT FIXED

Resolution to Adjourn the Legislature on June 15th Is Laid on the Table.

THE ESTIMATE OF CORAY

Believes the Members Are Being Used as Driven Cattle for Political Purposes—Business of the Body Liable to Continue Until July 15. Much Depends Upon the Pittsburgh Ripper Decision—Bills in the Interest of Trolley Companies Are Reported Adversely.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 15.—A concurrent resolution directing the appropriations committee to report all bills not later than May 29, and fixing June 15 for final adjournment, was offered in the house today by Mr. Garner, of Schuylkill. A long debate followed, at the conclusion of which the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 93 to 23. The resolution follows:

Whereas, this legislature is now running at a cost of over \$2,000 per day to the taxpayers of this commonwealth; and

Whereas, the last legislature was able to finish up its business and adjourn on April 20 of that year; and

Resolved, That the appropriations committee is hereby directed to report out all bills in their hands not later than May 29. Second, That this house adjourn on June 15.

Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, moved that the resolution be referred to the appropriations committee. Mr. Garner objected, because he said it meant the death of the resolution if it was sent to that committee. He thought the legislature had been in session long enough and that it was time to place the people by adjournment.

Mr. Lisse, of Delaware, chairman of the appropriations committee, explained that there had been—referred to the committee 304 bills, and that if it was required to report on May 29, in the condition in which they are now, it would delay for one month the date of final adjournment. The committee is giving careful consideration to each bill, and when the session is completed it will have saved the state hundreds of thousands of dollars. About one-half the bills have been acted upon by the committee, and the only bills yet to be considered are those for the large hospitals, the eastern and western ends of the state, and large institutions which are asking for large appropriations. "While Mr. Lisse would not agree for himself and the committee, to fix any time for the reporting of the bills, he thought the ought to be considered and reported in the next ten days."

As Driven Cattle.

Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, said that the way the legislature was working, it would not be ready to adjourn on July 1 or July 15, if, perchance, the Supreme court does not decide the Pittsburgh "ripper" case. "We are being used as driven cattle for political purposes," he added, "and the sooner we adjourn and go home the better it will be for all concerned."

Mr. Hall, of Allegheny, said he favored an early adjournment, but he did not believe the resolution was in order, for the reason that it embraced matters which could only be considered by the house and matters which could only be considered by the senate. Mr. Voorhees withdrew his motion to refer the resolution to the appropriations committee and moved that the resolution lie on the table. After the adoption of this motion, Mr. Miller, of Bedford, called up his resolution that the pawn brokers' bill be referred to the committee on the calendar. The resolution failed.

Bills Passed Finally.

The following bills passed finally at tonight's session of the house:

Granting a pension of \$12 a month to James S. Plummer, a private in Tyrona artillery company, Pennsylvania militia.

Granting an annuity of \$12 a month to S. R. Leger, a private in an artillery company commanded by Captain A. S. Morton, belonging to Colonel Jacob Hinkle's regiment, Pennsylvania militia.

Relieving stock brokers, bill brokers and exchange brokers from the provisions of the act of May 15, 1890, creating a sinking fund for the payment of the state debt.

Providing that where an entire stock of goods, wares, or merchandise has been sold outside of the usual course of business the seller must furnish to the purchaser a bill of sale and a financial statement of his creditors.

Providing a method for procedure for violations of law and township officers and for the collection of fines and penalties in towns of the first class.

Levying a tax of five mills on the annual stock of artificial gas companies.

NIGHT SESSION OF SENATE

House Bill Increasing the Number of Mine Inspectors Is Passed Finally.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 15.—The senate met tonight at 8 o'clock and disposed of considerable business. These bills were passed finally:

Directing the county commissioners

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A CLASH ON THE STREET

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The city is quiet at midnight. No attempt to run cars was made today or tonight. Both the strikers and the railroad people say there has been no further attempt at violence for a settlement. "I say that it will proceed to the cars tomorrow, under guard of the militia, and General Roe, in command of the troops, says he will assist to the best of his ability with his 2,200 troops."

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The real work of the conference was accomplished in the afternoon session, when it was decided to appoint a committee of ten, which was intrusted to confer with the authorities in other states where the evil has been eliminated and determine the best means to adopt for use in this state. The committee was instructed to meet at an early date and take action for immediate relief. It was also decided to urge the enforcement of the laws which now exist in reference to vagrancy. A resolution thanking the Inquirer for its part in urging the movement was passed unanimously.

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New York, May 15.—Wm. F. Sherlock, editor of the "Union," a labor journal, who was convicted of criminal libel upon an employer of a newspaper and sentenced to the penitentiary for three months, died from pneumonia at his home in Brooklyn. Sherlock was paroled after serving twenty days of his sentence.

Mrs. Haines Indicted.

Charged with Killing Her Step-Daughter by Means of Poison.

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Mount Holly, N. J., May 15.—Mrs. May Haines, against whom the Burlington county grand jury yesterday found an indictment charging her with the murder of her stepdaughter, by means of poison, at Delanco, in March last, today pleaded not guilty to the indictment and was remanded to jail for trial.

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Weather Indications Today: FAIR, SOUTHERLY WINDS.

- 1 General—Severe illness of Mrs. McKinley. Disorder at Albany.
- 2 General—Carbide Department.
- 3 Local—Cases before the Lackawanna County Convention of True Justice.
- 4 Editorial.
- 5 State and Country.
- 6 Local—Lackawanna Strikers Did Not Report for Work.
- 7 General—Northern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- 8 Local—Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

COMMITTEE OF MINERS EXCITED

Senator Heidelberg, of Lancaster, Has Two Bills Recommended. Threats of a Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 15.—The legislative committee on anthracite and bituminous miners, which is here in the interest of several measures before the legislature affecting the miners, was thrown into a flurry tonight by the action of Senator Heidelberg, of Lancaster, chairman of the senate mining committee, in having two of the miners' bill re-committed to his committee. Last week the miners' committee by a threat to have the underground workers march on Harrisburg, succeeded in having three of the bills reported from the committee. The two bills reported back to the committee tonight provided for the increasing of the number of mine inspectors from eight to sixteen and that they be elected by the people of the anthracite counties, and also for the weighing of coal before it was screened. Mr. Heidelberg's reason for re-committing the bills was for the purpose of making slight amendments, but he would not state further what the amendments were. The mining committee met immediately after the adjournment, but took no action, and another meeting will be held tomorrow morning. It was subsequently learned that one proposed amendment provided that the present mine inspectors be not disturbed until their terms expire, another that the terms of the inspectors be increased from three to five years, and that another amendment provides that only a certain number be elected each year, so that a number shall hold over.

It is said there may be another great strike in the anthracite coal regions is not outside the range of possibility in the near future. In the senate mining committee there is another bill which provides that the miners be paid a rate per ton instead of rate per car. This bill, along with others, was approved by the miners in convention at Hazleton, and T. D. Nichols, of Scranton, president of District No. 1, of the United Mine Workers of America, says the miners will insist upon their enactment.

President Nichols said to an Associated Press representative tonight: "If the legislature does not pass this bill or the coal operators do not make some concessions along the lines laid down in the bill, it is my opinion that a strike will be inaugurated in the coal regions which will be greater in numbers than the struggle of last fall. My district is a unit on the proposition that the miners be paid by the ton instead of by the car. District No. 2 is better organized for another strike than it was last year, and No. 9 always abides by the will of the majority."

KNIGHTS OF MALTA ELECT OFFICERS

The Members in Session at Lancaster Also Select Williamsport as the Next Meeting Place.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lancaster, May 15.—At today's session of the state convocation of the Knights of Malta, at Columbia, the committee on election reported the election of the following by the recent vote of commanderies:

Grand commander, E. S. Foxworth, Bloomington; grand prelate, Rev. James C. Boninger, Philadelphia; grand treasurer, Charles W. Rogers, Philadelphia; grand scribe, Samuel J. Barlett, Delaware; grand auditor, Rev. J. Brooks, Lancaster.

The following officers were then elected by the Grand commandery:

Grand generalissimo, James L. Jackson, Williamsport; grand captain general, Frederick A. Smith, Lancaster; grand junior warrior, E. B. Jones, Scranton; grand warrior, Howard C. Cady, York; grand trustee, George W. DeVinno, Philadelphia; supreme representative, The Cooper, Scranton; Jonathan Leiberberg, Hazleton; H. B. Harkness, Williamsport; James C. Boninger, Philadelphia; John B. Baker, Wilkes-Barre; Theodore Paschke, Reading; William Thomas, Scranton; Jacob H. Stover, York.

Williamsport was selected as the next meeting place. The per capita fee was fixed at 25 cents, annually, same as last year.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 15.—Arrived: Oceanic, Liverpool; Rotterdam, Naples; Genoa; Kaiserin, Matia, Palermo, Bremen and Southampton; La Lorraine, Havre; Georgian, Liverpool; Salsburg, London; and others.

Left: New York, May 15.—Departed: Salsburg, Southampton; Georgian, Liverpool; Kaiserin, Matia, Palermo, Bremen and Southampton; La Lorraine, Havre; and others.

Strike Against a Foreman.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Williamsport, May 15.—One hundred hotel-makers and butlers, employed at the E. K. Keiser company hotel works, are on strike. The principal grievance is the strong opposition to Eugene Keiser, the new claim that he is a dishonest and a shill for the discharge. This afternoon the company reported to the grievance committee, positively refusing to consider their demands.

EXPLOSION IN GEORGES MINE

Six Miners Lose Their Lives, and Five Others Are Fatally Injured.

GAS IGNITED BY TORCH

The Shaft Was Considered One of the Safest in the Country—Explosion Caused by Reckless Disregard of Orders—The Fire Does but Little Damage to the Mine.

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